

Environmentally Preferable Coatings For Structural Steel Project

Ground Systems Development And Operations Program

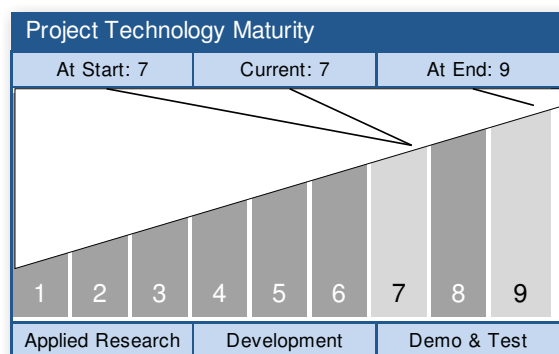
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Space Administration

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ABSTRACT

The Ground Systems Development and Operations (GSDO) Program at NASA John F. Kennedy Space Center (KSC) has the primary objective of modernizing and transforming the launch and range complex at KSC to benefit current and future NASA programs along with other emerging users. Described as the "launch support and infrastructure modernization program" in the NASA Authorization Act of 2010, the GSDO Program will develop and implement shared infrastructure and process improvements to provide more flexible, affordable, and responsive capabilities to a ...***Read more on the last page.***



Technology Area: Ground & Launch Systems Processing TA13
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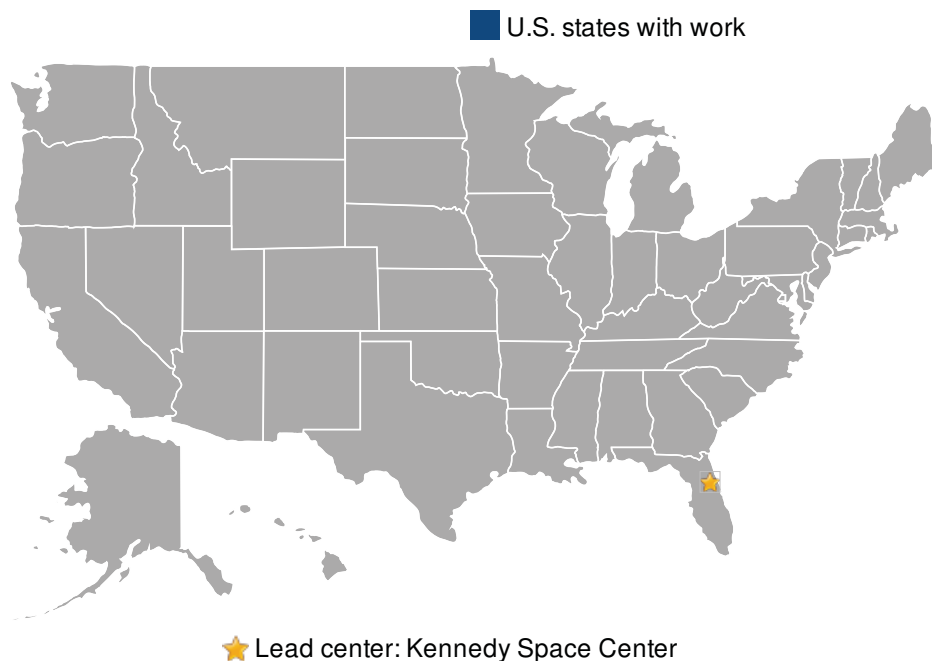
ANTICIPATED BENEFITS

To NASA funded missions:

1. Eliminates risks associated with material obsolescence (limited number of coatings on APL).
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3. Improved coating performance results in less required maintenance (less down-time), reduced costs, and improved mission readiness.

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION (CONT'D)

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NASA-STD-5008B includes an "Approved Products List" (APL) of coatings that have previously been tested and qualified for use. The APL, however, includes coatings that have very high volatile organic compound VOC levels which are no longer compliant with current environmental regulations. Some contain other hazardous constituents that are also subject to regulation. The limited number of approved coatings in NASA-STD-5008B presents an obsolescence risk to NASA if materials should become unavailable.

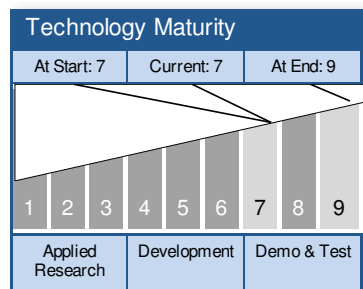
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ADDITIONAL AND DETAILED TECHNOLOGY AREAS

- TA07: Human Exploration Destination Systems
- TA12: Materials, Structures, Mechanical Systems & Manufacturing
- TA13: Ground & Launch Systems Processing
- TA15: Aeronautics

TECHNOLOGY DETAILS

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This technology is categorized as a material for other applications

- Technology Area
 - TA13 Ground & Launch Systems Processing (Primary)
 - TA07 Human Exploration Destination ...

TECHNOLOGY DETAILS

TECHNOLOGY DESCRIPTION (CONT'D)

Systems (Additional)

- TA12 Materials, Structures, Mechanical Systems & Manufacturing (Additional)
- TA13 Ground & Launch Systems Processing (Additional)
- TA15 Aeronautics (Additional)

CAPABILITIES PROVIDED

Coatings provide corrosion protection for metallic substrates.

POTENTIAL APPLICATIONS

The NASA technical standard for protecting structural steel assets contains a relatively short list of approved coatings, many of which contain high VOC levels. These coatings are no longer compatible with current environmental regulations and pose a materials obsolescence risk. Environmental Coatings will eliminate this risk.

IMAGE GALLERY



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multi-user community.

In support of the GSDO Program, the objective of this project is to determine the feasibility of environmentally friendly corrosion resistant coatings for launch facilities and ground support equipment. The focus of the project is corrosion resistance and survivability with the goal to reduce the amount of maintenance required to preserve the performance of launch facilities while reducing mission risk.



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